SUBJECT No. 209.

Abolition of the posts of (1) Circle Inspectors and (2) Deputy Inspector-General of Education.

(1) and (2) Mr. K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

(2) Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The posts of Circle Inspectors and Deputy Inspector-General of Education are practically unnecessary. The money spent on these and their staff may better be utilised for affording increased facilities for elementary education. These posts may be abolished in view of the heavy expenditure incurred on that account.

(2) The appointment of Circle Inspectors may be abolished.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 210.

Re-establishment of Girls' School Committees.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Girls' School Committees may be re-established. The work which was being done by them was far more satisfactory than the work which is now being done by the Board of Visitors.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioners will be consulted and the matter considered.

SUBJECT No. 211.

Appointment of inspectresses of girls' schools.

Mr. Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The appointment of Inspectors to supervise the work of Mahomedan Girls' Schools is not calculated to promote education among the purdah ladies. Inspectresses may, therefore, be appointed. Hindu ladies who have passed the Matriculation Examination may be appointed as Inspectresses.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 212.

Modification of rules regarding the maximum number of boys in a class.

Mr. Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present rule in the Education Department does not admit of more than 40 students in a class. By such a restriction many students will have to be excluded from the classes. The students being thus deprived of the advantages of education, cannot lead honorable lives. The rules may therefore be modified so as to admit of the formation of classes with more than 40 students or the formation of separate classes when the number is sufficiently large.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 213.

Educational Rules.

(*a*) Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The educational rules published on page 723, Part I of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 24th December 1908, regarding the admission and promotion of students from one class to another, cause a good deal of hardship to the students. The rules are too rigid and allow no discretion to the heads of institutions. So the rules may be caused to be revised by a committee of educational officers and non-official gentlemen. A memorial on this subject has been submitted by the Nagar Sabha to Government on 20th January 1909 praying for a modification of the rules.

The Head Master of each institution and the inspecting officers should always be allowed discretion regarding the admission and promotion of students.

(*b*) Messrs. Suryanarayana Rao, Tumkur Taluk; and Anantha Naik, Harihar Municipality.

(*b*) If a student in any class remains for more than two years without being promoted to the next higher class, he is dismissed from the school. This rule should be cancelled at least in the classes below the matriculation.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 214.

Strength of the lower classes.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The number of pupils in the secondary and primary classes may be fixed at about twenty and fifteen respectively. The teacher can then attend to each student better than at present, as personal attention is more needed in these classes than in the higher classes.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 215.

Mysoreans to be admitted to the I. C. S. and I. M. S. Examinations.

Mr. H. Krishna Saṣtri, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the question of admitting natives of the Mysore State to the I.C.S. and I. M. S. Examinations may kindly be urged on the Government of India.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 216.

The Local Service and Pleaders' Examinations.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) These examinations may be held in all the district head-quarters as before, or at least Shimoga may be made a centre for the examinations, as the poorer officials find it very difficult and costly to go to Bangalore.

(*b*) The minimum general education standard for qualifying for the Pleadership examination may be fixed at least at the First-in-Arts Examination.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) Cannot be done. (*b*) Noted.

SUBJECT No. 217.

Book-keeping.

Mr. Anantha Naik, Harihar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Book-keeping may be included as a compulsory subject for the Kannada examinations, as in the Dharwar District.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 218.

Abolition of the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality; and Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The English Lower Secondary Examination may be abolished. Even though the examination is optional, indirect pressure is brought to bear on schools to send up boys for examination.

Mr. Dervish Peer.—Our community now thinks that the Lower Secondary is a very high standard of examination and if a boy passes that examination his education is complete. The abolition of that examination will remove a wrong impression which has arisen among Mussalmans and will encourage higher education.

Reply of Government.—Noted.